

**Table NG1. Natural Gas Production and Average Wellhead Price, 1950-1999**

Year	Federal Statistics			
	Gross Withdrawal <sup>1</sup> (MMcf)	Marketed Production <sup>2</sup> (MMcf)	Average <sup>3</sup> Wellhead Price (\$ per Mcf)	Gross Value of Montana Production (thousand \$)
1950	40,975	38,972	\$0.053	\$2,066
1951	36,897	36,225	0.055	1,992
1952	29,140	28,557	0.061	1,742
1953	28,245	27,736	0.059	1,636
1954	30,532	30,087	0.068	2,046
1955	28,841	28,100	0.067	1,883
1956	26,852	25,706	0.068	1,748
1957	30,830	28,481	0.072	2,051
1958	30,830	27,836	0.068	1,893
1959	32,819	30,575	0.075	2,293
1960	37,792	33,235	0.071	2,360
1961	36,798	33,716	0.074	2,495
1962	32,621	29,791	0.074	2,205
1963	31,228	29,862	0.075	2,240
1964	26,653	25,050	0.078	1,954
1965	29,800	28,105	0.082	2,305
1966	36,048	30,685	0.083	2,547
1967	31,610	25,866	0.084	2,173
1968	32,229	19,313	0.091	1,757
1969	68,064	41,229	0.102	4,205
1970	48,302	42,705	0.103	4,399
1971	38,136	32,720	0.121	3,959
1972	38,137	33,474	0.123	4,117
1973	60,931	56,175	0.236	13,257
1974	59,524	54,873	0.253	13,883
1975	44,547	40,734	0.433	17,638
1976	45,097	42,563	0.445	18,941
1977	48,181	46,819	0.719	33,663
1978	48,497	46,522	0.847	39,404
1979	56,094	53,888	1.211	65,258
1980	53,802	51,867	1.454	75,415
1981	58,502	56,565	1.909	107,983
1982	58,184	56,517	2.145	121,229
1983	53,516	51,967	2.410	125,240
1984	52,930	51,474	2.460	126,626
1985	54,151	52,494	2.390	125,461
1986	48,246	46,592	2.050	95,514
1987	47,845	46,456	1.800	83,621
1988	53,014	51,654	1.700	87,812
1989	52,583	51,307	1.550	79,526
1990	51,537	50,429	1.790	90,268
1991	53,003	51,999	1.660	86,318
1992	54,810	53,867	1.620	87,265
1993	55,517	54,528	1.550	84,518
1994	51,072	50,416	1.460	73,607
1995	50,763	50,264	1.360	68,359
1996	51,668	50,996	1.410	71,904
1997	53,621	52,437	1.590	83,375
1998	59,506	57,645	1.530	88,197
1999	61,545	61,163	1.680	102,754

<sup>1</sup> Gross Withdrawal includes marketed production, plus quantities used in re-pressuring, plus quantities vented and flared from both gas and oil wells.

<sup>2</sup> Marketed Production represents gross withdrawals of natural gas from gas and oil wells minus gas used for repressuring, nonhydrocarbon gases removed, and quantities vented and flared. For 1979 and prior years, the volumes of nonhydrocarbon gases included in marketed production were not reported. For 1980 and 1981, the amount of nonhydrocarbon gases removed was not available for the Montana data, so the Department of Energy used the same figure for Montana's marketed production including nonhydrocarbon gases as is used for marketed production excluding nonhydrocarbon gases.

<sup>3</sup> Average wellhead price is computed by dividing the gross value of the gas produced by the respective volume produced.

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines, *Mineral Industry, Natural Gas Production and Consumption Annual Report*, 1950-75; U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Natural Gas Production and Consumption Annual Report*, 1976-79 (EIA-0131); U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, *Natural Gas Annual*, 1980-99 (EIA-0131).